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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BODIL ENGBERG PALLESEN

Serial No. 09/423,525

Art Unit: 1733

Filed: November 10, 1999

Examiner: S. Yao

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FIBRE MAT, FIBRE MAT

AND USE OF SUCH FIBRE MAT

AMENDMENT

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks
Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 12, 2002, kindly consider the following:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests an Interview with the Examiner. A call from the Examiner to the undersigned to resolve any issues that may remain in this case will be greatly appreciated.

Claims 12 to 28 and 31-35 are patentable over Clarke (US 4,404,250) and Young (US 1,146,987).

The Examiner acknowledges that Clarke does not teach how to obtain and prepare the cellulosic material nor the harvesting, threshing and retting of the stems of plants. Young has been